

Our Emeritus

TTSH was the first Hospital that was built by the community for the community. Through the years, the Hospital's care has been strategically shaped by many distinguished predecessors. The strong foundation of care laid down by our pioneers have enabled TTSH to better serve the community in its mission of care.

Their journeys continue to guide us as we build the care of tomorrow.

The Emeritus is an esteemed title bestowed to staff for their lifetime contribution to healthcare. To date, we have 27 Emeritus Consultants and 10 Emeritus Fellows. Each of them has made lasting impact on TTSH's legacy of care and they stand as role models and inspiration for our next generation.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR THOMAS LEW WING KIT

Year of Conferment: 2025

A/Prof Thomas Lew made exceptional contributions to Intensive Care Medicine in Singapore, particularly in the field of Neurointensive Care where he pioneered the practice of neurocritical care medicine in the intensive care unit (ICU) in Singapore since 1995 and strengthened the sub-specialty in Singapore, with special emphasis in the neuroprotective elements in ICU practice. As co-director of the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit (NICU) (1996-2000), later renamed Neuroscience ICU in 2014,

A/Prof Lew re-oriented general intensive care medicine practices towards neurocritical care priorities and established subspecialty neurological protocols for managing critically ill patients with severe head injury, high spinal cord trauma, and aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhage. In his capacity as Chairman Medical Board (CMB) (2011-2019), A/Prof Lew oversaw the clinical governance and policies of the hospital and its operational efficiency as an acute care hospital with integrated linkages to primary and step-down care agencies, partners and facilities. He spearheaded numerous strategic initiatives, including: re-positioning and re-integration of TTSH Rehab Centre to the hospital's main campus; implementation of Primary Coordinating Specialists for complex patients in outpatient clinics; re-positioning of Allied Health Services & Pharmacy as a clinical division and reconstituted the Medical Board as a Clinical Board etc.



PROFESSOR PHILIP CHOO WEE JIN

Year of Conferment: 2024

Prof Choo is a familiar face to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) and National Healthcare Group (NHG) family – he was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TTSH from 2011 to 2014 and Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO) of NHG from 2015 to 2023. As one of Singapore’s pioneering geriatricians with over 20 years of experience, Prof Choo has been a key driving force in the growth of geriatric capability in public health. His foresight led to the set-up of the largest geriatric facility in Singapore and the launch of the Centre for Geriatric Medicine at Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH). During his tenure as GCEO, Prof Choo steered NHG to progressively shift from episodic illness care to the holistic management of the population in all dimensions of health – physical, psychosocial, and socio-economic – guided by the River of Live (ROL) framework, which he designed. Under his leadership, NHG made leaps in its digital transformation journey and further strengthened its research and education pillars.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SURESH SAHADEVAN

Year of Conferment: 2024

A/Prof Suresh is an outstanding all-rounded clinician who is well-respected in the Geriatric Medicine fraternity and in General Medicine. His area of expertise in Memory Disorders and Medical Ethics and Professionalism have placed him in the top rank of Geriatricians. He is the forerunner of Geriatricians who subspecialise in Memory Disorders and has mentored many outstanding clinicians who have made significant contributions to the specialty of Geriatric Medicine in Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH). In 1994, A/Prof Suresh played a pioneering role in establishing the first non-psychiatric Memory Clinic and Cognitive Service under the Department of Geriatric Medicine. From 2004 to 2007, he was appointed Head of General Medicine where his dedication, experience and knowledge contributed to major manpower restructuring and development of the department and specialty that has since transformed General Medicine as a core and essential service at the hospital and national level. To this day, he continues to contribute to clinical service in both General Medicine and Geriatric Medicine.



ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE YEO SENG BENG

Year of Conferment: 2024

Adj A/Prof Yeo is well recognised as the leading Otolaryngology and skull base specialist in the country. He is a recognised domain expert in his subspecialty nationally and internationally. For the past three decades, A/Prof Yeo has been involved with mentoring and teaching ENT doctors, ENT residents and medical students. A/Prof Yeo has been integral to the training of the next generation of Otolaryngology and skull base specialists, passionately mentoring the younger generation of consultants not just within Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH), but also those from other hospitals. He also developed the teaching curriculum for ENT nurses in collaboration with the Nanyang Polytechnic School of Health Sciences.



MS LIM SIEW GEOK

Year of Conferment: 2024

Throughout her career at Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) which spans over two decades, Siew Geok made significant contributions to the hospital's legacy of care. She upskilled Nurses to perform intravitreal injection (IVT), which has reduced the waiting times for patients to receive timely IVT injections. This initiative has also reduced the burden on doctors as the number of doctors at the appropriate level of training was not growing at the same rate as that of the number of injections required by the ageing Singapore Population. She has been an outstanding Nurse Educator Leader who elevated the Pedagogy of Teaching not just in TTSH but across the Singapore community. For her unwavering dedication and Leadership, she was appointed Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) in 2024. Besides her active professional life, Siew Geok makes time to volunteer, contributing to enhance the health of the population under the umbrella of the Singapore Nurses Association. At the core of Lim Siew Geok is a truly caring and compassionate heart with her respect for others, this is evident to all who have encountered her.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ALAN NG

Year of Conferment: 2023

Since joining TTSH in 1990, A/Prof Alan has held numerous portfolios and responsibilities over the years. In addition to being the Head of Department of the Respiratory & Critical Care Medicine (2002-2011), he was also Divisional Chairman (Medicine) (2005-2015), Associate Dean and Clinical Educator Lead (Medical) (2015-current) and a member of the Medical Board (2002-2005). Despite holding multiple responsibilities within TTSH, A/Prof Alan also holds numerous national positions such as the President of the College of Physicians (2011-2013), Master of the Academy of Medicine (2022-current). A/Prof Alan is well respected for his knowledge and experience in Interventional Pulmonology and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and is one of the few doctors in Singapore to have performed tracheobronchial stenting and introduced tracheobronchial stenting, bronchoscopic electro surgery / argon plasma coagulation and medical thoracoscopy.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SIOW JIN KEAT

Year of Conferment: 2023

A/Prof Siow is well recognised as the leading rhinology and skull base specialist in the National Healthcare Group (NHG) cluster. He has been responsible for the significant development of the rhinology subspecialty in the last 10 years and has built a team of highly trained subspecialists to support the rhinology and skull base service. He also built the endoscopic pituitary skull base service with Neurosurgery at National Neuroscience Institute, which has become a well-established service at the hospital. Recognised as a domain expert in his subspecialty, A/Prof Siow is a widely sought-after speaker in many international conferences.



MR DAVID DHEVARAJULU

Year of Conferment: 2023

David has over the years built a reputation as an influencer. A firm believer that “With Better Leaders, there will be Better People who can come up with ways to Better Care”, he champions the vision of building an engaging leadership culture – one that is collective and cascades across the different levels of staff – in the hospital. In the past few years, David has been actively involved in shaping this journey and he has contributed to the development of various leadership programmes within the hospital. An experienced and avid practitioner with over 25 years of experience in Healthcare Innovation, Process Improvement, Talent Management, Organisational Development and People Development, David has also been instrumental in driving key organisation-wide quality and service initiatives.



MS GOH LEE LEE

Year of Conferment: 2023

For close to 29 years, Lee Lee has been an instrumental figure in the Operating Theatre (OT) Services at TTSH. Over the years, she has helped to transform and expand the hospital's operating theatres from a single operating room to a sprawling modern hospital complex boasting 24 operating theatres equipped with cutting-edge technologies. She has led several initiatives that have helped transform the Operating Theatre Services (OTS) and enabled the hospital to respond to national crisis – such as during the H1N1, Ebola, MERS, and the more recent COVID-19 pandemic.

One such initiative was the establishment of a new operational model that enabled Nursing, Operations and Medical Administration to work together in a multidisciplinary operation unit. This had not been attempted before, as different groups operated along their respective family group's reporting lines. The successful models that OT nursing services innovated under Lee Lee led to the establishment of similar models of care within TTSH – from the Endoscopy Centre, AMK Day Surgery Centre, to the OTs in National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID).



ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TAI HWEI YEE

Year of Conferment: 2022

Over the years, Adjunct A/Prof Tai Hwei Yee has gained a strong clinical reputation through the development of numerous programmes that have advanced clinical quality and patient safety. She was responsible for setting up the Pre-Admission Counselling and Evaluation Service (PACE) in TTSH, serving as its director (April 2000 – March 2002) and establishing new peri-operative processes that enabled the hospital to be the first in Singapore to introduce Same Day Admission for elective surgery and 23-Hr Ambulatory Surgery. Under her stewardship as TTSH's Assistant Chairman Medical Board for Clinical Quality and Audit (November 2003 – October 2011), she led the development of a strong patient safety culture through the implementation of various frameworks and programmes that have resulted in significant improvement in patient-related adverse events in the hospital.



MS K PATMAWALI

Year of Conferment: 2022

In her 47 years of nursing career, Patma has been at the forefront of multiple outbreaks – from SARS to Monkeypox, Ebola, MERS to COVID-19. Not one to shy away from her duty, she has played a key role in leading her team through the various outbreaks, while ensuring that staff are properly trained and equipped to care for the patients. Besides her work in Infectious Diseases, she has made significant contributions to patient safety and quality improvements projects, such as improving patient discharges to nursing homes.



MR PAUL YONG YOOK CHOY

Year of Conferment: 2022

Throughout his years at TTSH, from his first role as Financial Controller to helping the Finance Department as Chief Financial Officer, Paul has made many contributions that have enabled the Hospital to provide cost-effective care while balancing quality care outcomes and high service standards for patients. With his wealth of experience, he has provided guidance and advice in many project initiatives while managing the Hospital's finances.



MS SERENE TAN BENG CHIN

Year of Conferment: 2022

Under Serene's leadership, TTSH has evolved as an employer of choice with high levels of employee engagement and compelling employer branding. With a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of Human Resource (HR), Serene has built a HR team that is able to withstand challenges and adapt in an ever-changing manpower landscape. She has also contributed vastly to many initiatives that have enabled our staff to grow and develop to leaders within the organisation.



ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BRENDA ANG SZE PENG

Year of Conferment: 2021

In the past few decades, the name Brenda Ang has been synonymous with Infectious Disease and Infection Control in TTSH, and possibly Singapore. This is a definitive testimony and recognition for Adj A/ Prof Brenda, who has spent the past 30 years developing Infectious Disease as a specialty in Singapore and tirelessly advocating a culture of good Infection Control practices at institutional and individual levels. As Chairman of TTSH Infection Control Committee since 1996, she has championed the development, refinement and implementation of policies for the Infection Control Unit which has sustained high standards of safety for patients, staff and visitors. With the Infection Control team, she has seen through major outbreaks of new diseases at TTSH - from the Nipah virus (1999), SARS (2003), Dengue (2005), Chikungunya (2008), H1N1 (2009), MERS-CoV (2012), Ebola (2014) to now COVID-19. Her expertise and battle worn experience have contributed to the control of these outbreaks that have deeply impacted Singapore's national healthcare system.



MS LEE SOW FONG

Year of Conferment: 2019

Ms Sow Fong is our pillar at our Operating Theatres (OTs). She commands the respect of every staff who works with her, surgeons included. She challenges her team to deliver better care and always supports them to realise their full potential.

Beneath her "tough" exterior, Ms Sow Fong is a caring boss who goes beyond the call of duty to care for her staff and their welfare. Her "leadership-from-the-front" approach during pivotal moments in TTSH's history (e.g. during SARS) shows moral courage and mental resilience. Ms Sow Fong is the "go to" person for all OT-related matters, with her deep expertise, rich experience and leadership to get things done. Ms Sow Fong was the first Singaporean Nurse invited to speak at Association of Operating Room Nurse (AORN), USA on Team collaboration and Surgical Safety in 2013.

She has shown her generous heart, contributing to worthy causes. Most recently, she completed the Gobi March in Mongolia in order to raise funds for our needy patients.



MS WONG MUI PENG

Year of Conferment: 2019

Ms Mui Peng's achievements as a nurse spans over 40 years. She is our anchor for inpatient nursing and a strong advocate for our patients. She is an outstanding clinical leader who cares for her nurses and fellow colleagues.

She exhibits a strong passion for continuous improvement for a better patient experience. She led the team with levelheadedness, unwavering confidence and courage to handle the SARS outbreak in 2003 and many other situations during her tenure.

Her comforting presence and joyful persona assures her patients and colleagues, knowing that Ms Mui Peng is by their side. For her outstanding service, she won the Commendation Medal and Courage Star Award in 2003.

She was also a recipient of the NHG Excellence in Action Awards in 2013 for her consistent involvement in quality improvement works.



DR WILLIAM CHAN WAI LIM

Year of Conferment: 2019

For 27 years, Dr William has served tirelessly to develop rehabilitative care in Singapore.

He has mentored and worked alongside many batches of rehab practitioners in Singapore, including our current and past rehab leaders.

He has started many collaborations with community partners including Singapore National Stroke Association and Serving People with Disabilities (SPD).

He is currently very active in promoting support for disabled sports and health promotion. Dr William has guided three generations of Rehab Physicians and helped to steer the professional development of rehabilitation in Singapore.

He is a well-known educator and quality advocator, and has continued to do so to this date.



ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MARY WONG FONG MUN

Year of Conferment: 2019

Dependable and responsible are the words that describe Adj A/Prof Mary. As a senior consultant, Adj A/Prof Mary is well-respected for her wealth of experience.

She is a mentor whom juniors and peers will look to for advice. Adj A/Prof Mary has played a major role in the development of her department to what it is today. For 32 years, Mary has built a team of forward-looking clinicians and laid the foundation for close working relationships through strong networks with the other departments.

She has contributed positively to many strategic thrusts into various clinical areas including the Intensive Care Unit.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TEOH LAM CHUAN

Year of Conferment: 2019

A/Prof Teoh is one of the founding surgeons of Hand Surgery. He played a key role in establishing hand surgery as a medical speciality in Singapore in 1996. Under his guidance, TTSH was able to become an accredited hand surgery training centre. He worked out the teaching syllabus for the Advanced Specialist Training and is a much sought after mentor by both Hand and Orthopaedic residents.

For more than 30 years, A/Prof Teoh constantly strives to serve his patients better and has an unblemished service record. He is well-recognized and respected by his peers both in Singapore as well as regionally and internationally. He has published more than 70 research articles in peer-reviewed journals.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PRABHA UNNY KRISHNAN

Year of Conferment: 2017

A/Prof Prabha is well recognised and respected in the healthcare fraternity in Singapore. During her tenure as Head of Laboratory Medicine (2006 – 2015), she was professionally responsible for all sections under the department including the Point of Care Testing (POCT) in TTSH. She also supervised the Inpatient Phlebotomy Services and the formation and conduct of Phlebotomy training courses. She established satellite laboratories and 24/7 laboratory services during outbreaks of infectious diseases and expanded the capability of the main laboratory to manage surge in other investigations.

As a founding member of the Network of Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance, she collated national antibiotic susceptibility data from all restructured hospitals in Singapore, enabling testing and reporting structures to be standardised across all hospitals. Over the last decade, A/Prof Prabha has worked with many clinicians on numerous areas of improvement which have enhanced the communication of significant results to clinical staff in a timely manner.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR THOMAS CHEE

Year of Conferment: 2016

A/Prof Chee has made immense contributions to developing the radiology specialty in Singapore. His contributions over the last thirty years have escalated the safety, standards and clinical quality in patient care. As Head of Diagnostic Radiology from Jun 1999 to Dec 2008, he oversaw the planning and implementation of radiological services support within the hospital and to polyclinics. As the Clinical Director for the Office for Clinical Governance, he oversees patient relations, clinical standards and improvement, management information, and medical affairs.

As a pioneer for the NHG-TTSH Clinical Practice Improvement Programme (CPIP), he has transformed care through enabling our doctors and staff to become lifelong learners in delivering value to our patients. He has led our TTSH Learning Organisation workgroup to build a Better TTSH. He inspired and started a group, comprising like-minded clinicians who are passionate about quality improvement and safety issues, to provide structured support for better and safer clinical practices in TTSH. His guidance has provided a strong support framework that is often referenced by other cluster institutions.



MR OW CHUNG KIN

Year of Conferment: 2015

Joining us in the early 70s, Mr Ow has been instrumental in transforming what was a modest, basic X-ray department in the 70s to the current modern Radiology department with multiple high tech equipment to serve our patients.

As one of the earliest pioneers in the local radiology industry, Mr Ow not only was pivotal to the setup of the Neuro-Angiography service when Singapore saw its first neuro-surgical unit but was also was the trailblazer in CT scanning when the first Head CT scanner was installed in TTSH. He soon became a leader in establishing scanning protocols and essential CT techniques. His leadership especially shone during the SARS crisis in 2003, where he managed to muster and deploy crucial additional equipment and manpower in supporting the hospital's operations with limited time and resources. Today, mentoring has become his calling. His motto is always to give as much help as and when possible, to the patients and to your colleagues. His advice to young radiographers? – the 5 Ps: Patient-centered, Professionalism, Pro-active, Protect patients and Protect yourself.



MR HARBHAJAN SINGH

Year of Conferment: 2015

An inspiring mentor, an exemplary staff and a humble man with a big heart are a few of the many commendable qualities that Mr Harbhajan is well-known for. Since joining the nursing profession at the tender age of 18, Mr Singh now has dedicated more than half a century to TTSH as one of our longest serving nurses. With his unwavering spirit, professionalism and commitment, Mr Singh has brought TTSH and nursing to greater heights.

Through major crisis such as the TB and Nipah outbreak in 1960s and 1999 respectively, Mr Singh remained firm in his diligence and tenacity to nurse the sick. During the SARS outbreak in 2003, his leadership shone when he led more than 100 nurses to combat the virus with his unwavering confidence and courage as the CDC Nurse Manager. Mr Singh's compassion was well-epitomised when he helmed the CDC Fund Raising Walk-A-Thon in 1998 that raised \$200,000 for HIV patients in need. He was also pivotal in shaping and modernising the nursing landscape when the hospital's nursing division set the direction to take a new level of accountability and responsibility in the 1990s. His immense contributions has led him to receive many awards such as the Nurses' Merit Award and National Day Award. Though officially retired in 2002, Mr Singh continues to serve in TTSH, helping to guide our next generation of nurses.



PROFESSOR KUPERAN PONNUDURAI

Year of Conferment: 2015

A typical day for A/Prof Kuperan begins with seeing patients in the ward, and then the clinic, doing blood work in the lab, teaching at LKCMed or NUH and being a visiting consultant at other institutions. He is as passionate now as he was when he first started working at TTSH in 1997. In 1997, all lab tests were sent to SGH to be diagnosed. As HOD for of Laboratory Medicine, A/Prof Kuperan started to slowly but steadily work towards developing processes and means to diagnose the lab tests here in TTSH, amidst much opposition. In 2001, he invited the College of American Pathologists to audit our laboratory, which passed with distinction.

A/Prof Kuperan is recognised as the expert in this region for the diagnosis of Haematological disorders and he is frequently requested by clinicians around the region to help in the diagnosis of difficult haematological problems. He was the founding Chairman of the Haematology Committee that helped to develop the guidelines for accrediting laboratories in Singapore. Over the last 20 years, his unique background and experience as a trained clinician and trained pathologist has enabled him to nurture new generations of clinicians, nurses and laboratory scientists.



PROFESSOR SONNY WANG YEE TANG

Year of Conferment: 2015

Prof Wang is a highly respected member of the medical fraternity. A veteran with more than 40 years of public service, he exhibits great patience and clinical acumen in his interactions with TB patients and their relatives. Inspiring a generation of respiratory physicians, Prof Wang has exemplified the values of compassion, public service, and dedication to his work.

A leading member of Singapore's Respiratory fraternity, Prof Wang was pivotal in setting up the STEP programme initiated by MOH to address Singapore's decade long stagnation in TB rates in 1997. Under his vision, direction and leadership as Chairman, there has been a continuous decline in the annual TB incidence rate. He also contributed immensely to the development of Respiratory Medicine and TBCU at TTSH. During his tenure as HOD of Respiratory Medicine (1994-2002), he grew the Department and introduced numerous services and initiatives, promoting the development of sub-specialty areas.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ONG THIEW CHAI

Year of Conferment: 2014

A/Prof Ong has and is still serving TTSH for 20 years in his capacity as Emeritus Consultant and previously Senior Consultant, at the Psychological Medicine department. He was the first HOD when Psychological Medicine was first founded in TTSH in 1986. A/Prof Ong shaped the culture and went on to achieve many things for the good of the patients and the psychiatry practice in Singapore.

He is active in the practise and teaching of Hypnosis, and has been an outstanding mentor for subsequent HODs as well as specialists in the department. Sharp witted and well respected by all, his exemplary record puts him in good stead to clinch numerous national awards, including National Day Awards and ExSA.



PROFESSOR CHEE YAM CHENG

Year of Conferment: 2014

Prof Chee was our immediate past Group CEO and current Senior Advisor of NHG. He dedicated 40 years to public healthcare in clinical service, operations, hospital administration, manpower management and education. Despite his different roles, one constant remains – his unwavering commitment to patients.

Prof Chee spent most of his clinical career in TTSH from the time when he was medical registrar. When the medical units underwent restructuring in 1992, he helmed the Department of General Medicine from 1992-2001. He had foresight and was able to recognise the importance of Internal Medicine in the years to come. He developed the growth of the department and identified new areas of development in Internal Medicine such as Vascular Medicine and Obstetric Medicine. At cluster level, Prof Chee had been instrumental in steering NHG through its transition into becoming the Regional Health System (RHS) for Central Singapore. Under his leadership, NHG established the Central RHS Advisory Council in September 2013. The multi-agency group facilitates the enhancement of integrated care, promotes health services and literacy, and improves access to care.



PROFESSOR LOW CHENG HOCK

Year of Conferment: 2010

Prof Low's trademark "Are you alright?" are the words that reverberate immediately in the minds of those who know him. He is a man with a great heart and passion to teach. Prof Low has been a stalwart in Surgery and surgical education for many years. Even while distinguishing himself as an accomplished surgeon, he constantly encourages all to keep on learning. Prof Low placed a high value on teaching and training of medical students and surgical trainees. His students would know that he places patients' well-being as emphasis, and holds dear to the motto that it is "not the science of technology that makes good doctors, but the art of healing".

His loyal service of 33 years in TTSH saw him transition from Head of General Surgery, to Divisional Chairman of Surgery and our Chairman of Medical Board. He was also our first appointed Clinician Mentor and President of our National Healthcare Group (NHG) College.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LOW YIN PENG

Year of Conferment: 2007

A/Prof Low has a wealth of experience in the realm of orthopaedic surgery. The former HOD of Orthopaedic Department contributed to the advancement of clinical practices and protocols in orthopaedic surgery. Under his headship he initiated subspecialisations in the areas of spine, hand, trauma, ankle and foot, sports and joint reconstruction surgeries within the department. He also introduced Geriatric Orthopaedic services and a multidisciplinary care path for hip fractures. This helped to better manage elderly patients by reducing the risk of complications and length of stay.

An outstanding clinician mentor, A/Prof Low created an interactive and innovative mode of teaching to enhance the learning experience of our younger doctors. His contributions led to the conferment of Emeritus Teacher Award in 2009 and Best Teacher, Division of Surgery in 2001.



DR SAN WIN MIN

Year of Conferment: 2004

Throughout Dr San's career at TTSH, he had been the HOD of Anaesthesiology Department three times. He took heart to groom his younger doctors, by not building up a young team of efficient specialists, but as good people. As HOD, he also oversaw the establishment of services such as PACU, surgical and neurosurgical ICUs and PACE.

His work at the Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists and International Society for Medical Gases led to the adoption of strict safety and monitoring standards in patients undergoing anaesthesia. Known as a man of principle, fairness and integrity, the former Chairman of our Hospital Ethics Committee toiled late into the nights to work on expansion in clinical research and adoption of strict ethical guidelines. The foundation he has laid for Research and Medical Ethics eventually led to TTSH forming a long-standing partnership with the SMA to be a centre for Medical Ethics in Singapore.



DR VICTOR YONG

Year of Conferment: 2004

During his 12-year tenure as Head of Department (HOD) of Ophthalmology, Dr Yong oversaw the expansion and subspecialisation of Ophthalmology at the hospital. Today, we have the second largest eye institute in Singapore, with 30 ophthalmologists, complete with every ophthalmic subspecialties.

A lasting legacy of Dr Yong is the formation of a multi-professional management committee for the department in 1999, which brings together doctors, nurses, optometrists, technicians, patient assistants and operation staff on a collective decision-making platform. It promotes collective leadership, understanding and collaboration among different professional groups for process improvement.

Weighing the pros and cons of professional fee schemes that were introduced in many surgical departments throughout Singapore, Dr Yong, together with our former CEOs, Dr Lim Suet Wun and Prof Philip Choo, provided the direction to reduce direct incentive nature of procedure/volume based remuneration system. This together with other holistic indicators were introduced in our personal performance measurement. With this introduction, Dr Yong paved the way for our ophthalmologists to adapt easily to the new system.



DR EDMUND HUGH MONTEIRO

Year of Conferment: 2004

Dr Monteiro was our former Director at the Communicable Diseases Centre (CDC). He was instrumental to the re-organisation of Middleton Hospital to our CDC of today. Dr Monteiro saw through the evolution of infectious diseases; from Polio and Diphtheria in the 60s to Typhoid and HIV in the 80s. He was well regarded as the first generation of physicians who stepped forward in caring for HIV patients. Under his leadership, CDC became the National Referral Centre for HIV in 1988.

Dr Monteiro nurtured the first generation of Infectious Diseases Physicians in Singapore. Together with Dr David Allen, the Head of Infectious Diseases at CDC then, Infectious Diseases became a recognised sub-specialty by the Academy of Medicine in the early 90s. He devoted his lifetime getting to know a broad range of diseases and putting them under control, ensuring a safe Singapore for us to live in.



DR LEE SIEW KHOW

Year of Conferment: 2004

Dr Lee joined TTSH when the hospital was known as a chest centre. He was awarded a fellowship to train in Britain to specialise in TB and chest diseases, and returned to become one of the few respiratory specialists in Singapore. The former president of the Singapore Thoracic Society also headed the Tuberculosis Control Unit (TBCU) from 1993 to 1995. He spent the later part of his career in the department of general medicine where he remained until he fully retired in 2012.

During his time with TTSH, Dr Lee was active in both clinical care and research in respiratory diseases and TB. He contributed significantly to the development of General Medicine and the TBCU, where he introduced fiberoptic bronchoscopy and transbronchial lung biopsy to the department. During the SARS period, Dr Lee even volunteered to go into the SARS

wards to look after SARS patients. His professionalism and courage will always be an inspiration to the younger generation of doctors. Besides being conferred the title of Emeritus Consultant in 2004, Dr Lee was also awarded the TTSH Long Service Award in recognition of 30 years of longstanding and loyal service. Before he retired, he was awarded the NHG Distinguished Achievement Award for his contributions in clinical, education and research work.



PROFESSOR CHEW CHIN HIN

Year of Conferment: 1998

Prof Chew was our former Medical Superintendent in 1979. He moved on to the Ministry of Health (MOH) to assume a greater role of Deputy Director of Medical Services. He had vast interests in Tuberculosis (TB), and contributed tremendously to TB research in Singapore in his capacity as Chairman, TB Research Committee.

Through a combined effort with British Research Medical Research Council, Prof Chew introduced the revolutionary breakthrough of TB treatment such as reducing the therapeutic regime from a maximum period 24 months to just 6 months. This team also discovered the "short course regimens under full supervision" programme, which is presently known as DOT (Directly Observed Treatment). His contributions led to him being conferred the Public Administration Gold by the President of Singapore. He is also the first and only Singaporean awarded the prestigious Mastership in the American College of Physicians.



PROFESSOR FENG PAO HSII

Year of Conferment: 1996

Fondly known as the Father of Rheumatology, the late Prof Feng founded TTSH's and the nation's first rheumatology department in 1995 and played an integral role in starting rheumatology in other hospitals. A passionate and driven individual, Prof Feng personally trained the first generation of rheumatologists and contributed to the growth of the profession.

Besides being a renowned rheumatologist, Prof Feng was also active in the field of infectious diseases. As the founding president of the Society of Infectious Diseases, his contributions had been invaluable in developing this discipline in Singapore. A distinguished academician and an inspirational mentor, Prof Feng was well loved by his patients and will always be remembered for being passionate in all that he did.



PROFESSOR POH SOO CHUAN

Year of Conferment: 1994

Prof Poh was dedicated to public service and the nurturing of young physicians. He served as Head of the then-Medical Unit 3 from 1974 to 1994 and was a master clinician, mentor, researcher and role model for his younger doctors. Well known for his clarity of thought and penchant for learning, Prof Poh's students will always remember him as a superior worthy of much respect as he led them with an even and principled hand.

Prof Poh was a pioneer in developing our pulmonary function laboratory. He built from scratch high quality machines for the measurement of diffusing capacity and lung volumes. Over the years, the Respiratory Function Laboratory has also been responsible for establishing the local reference values for various physiological parameters of lung function. His initiatives paved the way for a scientific approach to the practice of Respiratory Medicine in Singapore.



DR FRANCIS JOSEPH JAYARATNAM

Year of Conferment: 1994

In Singapore, Geriatric Medicine was born more than 25 years ago when Dr Jaya started the first Geriatric Medicine department in TTSH.

The Father of Geriatrics went on to mentor many students who excelled and became outstanding geriatricians, including Dr Ding Yew Yoong and our GCEO, Prof Philip Choo.

The department soon gained rapid recognition and contributed to the formation of Geriatric departments at Alexandra and Changi Hospitals by deploying its trained physicians.

Dr Jaya continues to be an inspiration to generations of doctors to the work of gerontology and improving care of the elderly in the community.

